

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Robert Grabarek on October 19, 2011.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS;

1-24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) A rotor for a turbo engine, comprising:
a rotor base body, wherein the rotor base body includes a fiber-reinforced area and a fiber-free area; and
a rotor blade with a footing;
wherein the footing is positioned in the rotor base body in the fiber-free area;
wherein the rotor base body includes a ring-shaped element and wherein the ring-shaped element includes the fiber-reinforced area and the fiber-free area;
wherein the ring-shaped element includes a second fiber-reinforced area and wherein the fiber-free area is disposed between the fiber-reinforced area and the second fiber-reinforced area;

and wherein the fiber-free area defines a borehole and wherein the footing is positioned in the borehole.

26-34. (Canceled)

35. (Currently Amended) The rotor according to ~~C~~claim ~~[[34]]~~25, wherein the borehole includes a stop and wherein the footing engages the stop.

The above changes to claim 25 were made in order to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 34, principally that the fiber-free area defines a borehole. The above changes to claim 35 were made in order to correct the dependency and a grammatical error.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The instant invention is deemed to be an unobvious improvement over the invention patented in USP 1,325,208. The improvement comprises a fiber-free are which defines a borehole. USP 1,325,208 comprises a fiber-free area (between plates 5 and 6), but this fiber-free area does not define a borehole.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

PRIOR ART

USP's 3,625,634 and 4,397,609 both disclose fibers but neither discloses a fiber-free area that defines a borehole

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AARON R. EASTMAN whose telephone number is (571)270-3132. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu 9:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Look can be reached on (571) 272-4820. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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